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In re Application of :  
Thomas M. Williams :  
Application No. 10/628,064 :  
Filed: July 25, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. P-6166-04-03 :

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 16, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for express abandonment. See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3).

The application is hereby withdrawn from issue, and the abandonment is hereby recognized.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This matter is being referred to Files Repository.

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Date : May 17, 2005  
TO : Director, Office of Patent Publication  
FROM : Office of the Deputy Commissioner  
for Patent Examination Policy  
SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue of

Applicant(s) : Thomas M. Williams  
Application No. : 10/628,064  
Filed : July 25, 2003

The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 6,896,280 and an issue date of May 24, 2005.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant.

Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of May 24, 2005:

"All reference to Patent No. 6,896,280 to Thomas M. Williams of North Carolina for TELESCOPING AND SWIVELING HITCH ASSEMBLY appearing in the Official Gazette of May 24, 2005 should be deleted since no patent was granted."

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